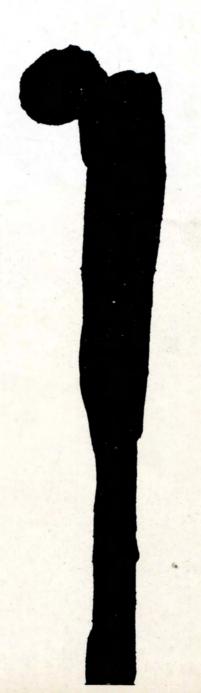


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1 June 1968

Dear Canon Collins,

I am happy to hear that the International Defence and Aid Fund is organizing a function on June 26, 1968, to mark the International Year for Human Rights and to raise funds to provide relief for those persecuted under repressive legislation in South Africa.

The United Nations, as you know, has been concerned for many years with the policies of racial discrimination and apartheid in South Africa and neighbouring territories.

The General Assembly of the United Nations has recognized the serious hardships faced by numerous families in South Africa because of subjection to arbitrary repressive laws against opponents of apartheid. It has considered relief and assistance to such families as consonant with the purposes and principles of the United Nations and appealed to States, organizations and individuals to contribute for this purpose. It has also set up a United Nations Trust Fund to supplement the resources of voluntary organizations engaged in providing relief and assistance to South Africans.

I commend such humanitarian assistance as a worthy and essential activity which deserves the widest and most generous support, and as a means to demonstrate, by concrete action, the international concern for human rights and for the eliminations of racial discrimination.

Yours sincerely.

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The Reverend Canon L. John Collins President
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## International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa

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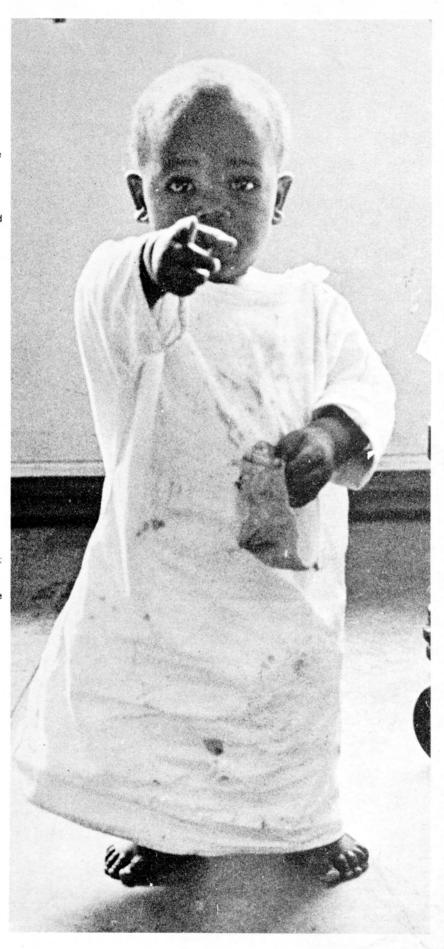
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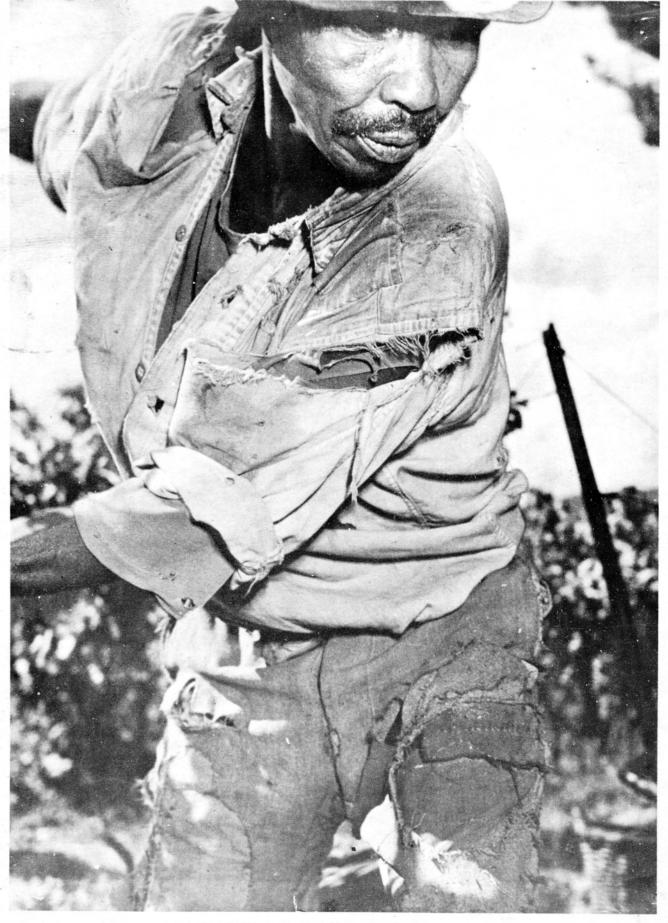
In order to assist in the development of a non-racial society in Southern Africa based on a democratic way of life, the Fund exists to:

- 1 Aid, defend and rehabilitate the victims of unjust legislation and oppressive and arbitrary procedures.
- 2 Support their families and dependants. 3 Keep the conscience of the world alive to the issues at stake.

The International Defence and Aid Fund in its allocations of money never has and never-will discriminate on any other grounds than the ground of need. Anyone opposed to apartheid who is accused of a political offence under the racialist laws of South Africa, whatever his or her political persuasion or religion, or to whichever racial group or political organization he or she belongs, is given aid to secure legal defence, as long as money is available and as far as discriminatory laws permit. This includes having a legal representative of his or her own choice.

The Fund also seeks to provide aid to (a) those who are deprived of the means of subsistence because their family breadwinners are no longer able to support them; (b) political refugees and those opponents of apartheid who need assistance during and after imprisonment or banning or house arrest or detention. The Fund tries, wherever possible, to provide money for the further education of political prisoners and their children.





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#### History and Activities of the Fund

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#### Lawyers and peasants, teachers and workers

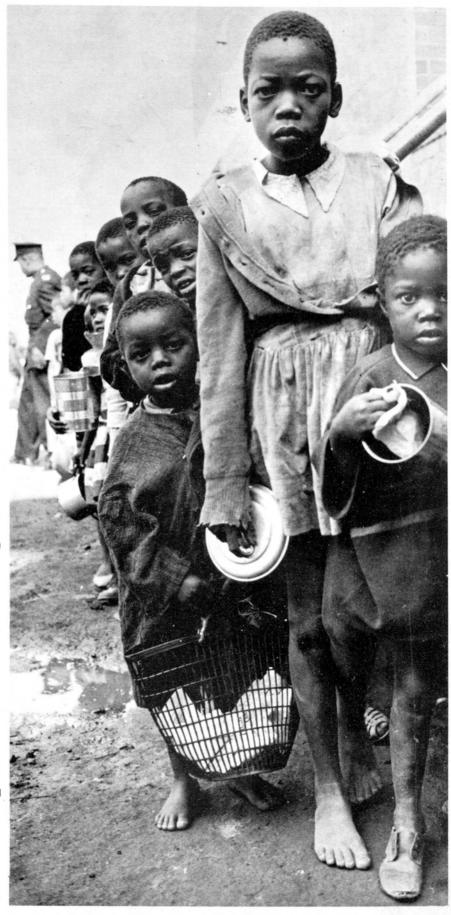
The assistance given to the victims of the Sharpeville massacre and the work of the Fund in the Treason Trial and the Rivonia Trial of 1963 are well known, However, in less publicised trials many hundreds of opponents of Apartheid in all walks of life -lawyers, doctors, housewives, teachers, University lecturers, peasants, trade unionists and factory workers-have been defended by the Fund. Thanks to the defence provided by the Fund, numbers of them have been acquitted or been given lesser sentences or had their sentences reduced on appeal. The Fund has exposed the facade of justice in South Africa by revealing the psychological and physical torture inflicted on persons held in indefinite solitary confinement. Over the past two years the Fund has had increasing calls to help those banned or placed under house arrest to start a new life abroad.

#### And in Rhodesia too . . .

Similar assistance has been given in Rhodesia and a major project here is the provision of education courses by correspondence for over 250 of those held in detention or restriction without charge.

#### A bridge

The work of the Fund is humanitarian in the broadest sense. It assauges bitterness and is one of the last remaining bridges between black and white, so keeping alive the possibility of peaceful change in Southern Africa. It shows the victims of racial discrimination that the outside world has not forgotten them and is determined to stand by them in their struggle for social justice.



Right: 'We want to be part of the 20th century'.

### They speak for Themselves

One cannot measure in words the anguish of a family deprived of a father and husband, a wife and mother. Nor can one measure the despair of those condemned to the twilight existence of bans and house arrest. Eloquent testimony of what our assistance means is given in the many letters of thanks which we receive. We quote extracts from a few of these below. The first epitomises the spirit of the people whom we have defended.

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all I have done no crime. The only crime is that I love freedom.". . . '

'... my heart leapt with joy and happiness to think that there are so many people though unknown to me are thinking about me.'

'I wish to express my gratitude to those who have taken the trouble to make me comfortable. Also it strengthens me to know that we are not alone in this misery; there are women in the world who know the pain under which we live. It drains our strength. Still our hopes are very high.

'... I was so pleasantly surprised that I am still speechless with joy and gratitude. Your money came as a prayer when it was most needed.'

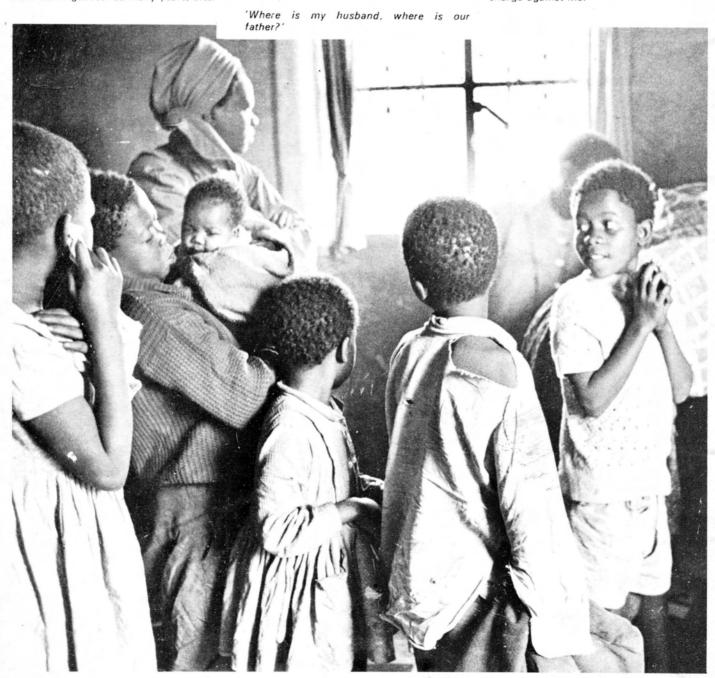
'I've received your letter. We were nearly dead of hunger . . . I was staying in the mud house. Now I've hired two rooms. . . Really what wonderful it is to receive a

gift unexpectedly. God will be with you all the time . . . here as you know things are getting worse daily.'

'I thank you for the help you gave me. Surely I was not sure whether my application was going to be accepted. But at last I found out that I am now on an open way to a new world just because of education which I am having now.'

'I wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of (the money) which was very much appreciated. This was a real relief as I shall now be able to pay for my son's books who is going to do matric this year. The message I give you is that I shall not despair.'

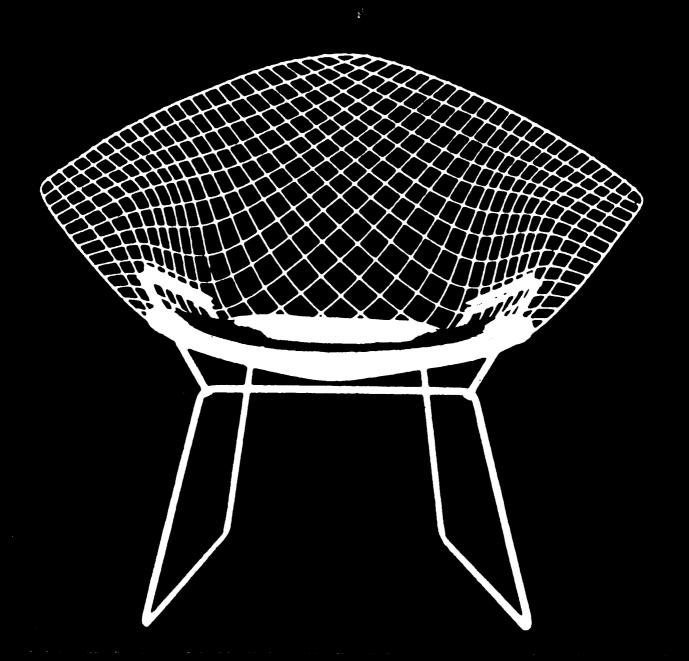
'I beg to voice my feelings of thankfulness for the gift I received. . . . My family also join me in thanking you for this. I want also to thank you for providing legal assistance to me when the Government brought a charge against me.'



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It is my pleasant task as President of the International Defence and Aid Fund to thank all who have been responsible for this production: Ted Kotcheff, our Producer, the distinguished cast which is assembled to entertain you and Sean Kenny for designing the sets and the publicity material. I am particularly aware that for the most part this service, especially noting that of the producer, the artists and the designer, has been given without fee.

My own personal thanks to everyone concerned must for the moment be extended to cover the gratitude of thousands who cannot speak for themselves. I am thinking of those of Southern Africa who are currently serving sentences of imprisonment or restriction on account of their unwillingness to submit to the evil doctrine and practice of apartheid. I am thinking, too, of their dependants who suffer with them.

The unceasing struggle for human rights has always been waged through the generous giving of people, famous and unknown, who have been unsparing with their efforts and abilities in a cause which transcends all others in its import for the future of the human race. This was the spirit in which the International Defence and Aid Fund was established, and built into the movement it is today. It is in this spirit, too, that this concert has been conceived and staged for your enjoyment and your inspiration.

I should also like to thank especially for their help Lady Birley, Jill Cooke, Joy Tapply, Barbara Spode, Nancy White, Rona Faure, Julia Mortimer, Photocraft, the ticket and programme sellers, the Anti-Apartheid Movement and the many contributors to the programme, including those who wished to remain anonymous.

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The Anti-Apartheid Movement is our response in Britain to appeals like Chief Luthuli's. The Movement was formed in 1959 to campaign for a boycott of South African goods. Since then it has gone from strength to strength, winning for its aims and beliefs a secure niche in the public mind.

To men of goodwill, racialism in any shape or form is an evil. Apartheid in South Africa, and the local variations of it practised by the white minorities in Rhodesia, South West Africa, Angola and Mozambique, is repugnant. Racialism is built into the laws of these countries—every aspect of men's lives is governed by the accident of skin-colour. It must be repudiated, and the Anti-Apartheid Movement exists for this basic purpose.

The Movement campaigns for a number of specific objectives to give substance to its broad aim:

#### The Boycott of South African Goods

An action tried first by Africans themselves and adopted as policy by the General Assembly of the UN in 1962/3. South African exports are cheap, they are the products of underpaid, voteless black labour. African leaders, who speak for their country, have called for such a boycott—from obscure halls, underground councils, prison and exile. We echo this call.

#### The Embargo on Arms to South Africa

The military might of apartheid is one of the chief obstacles to African freedom. The Anti-Apartheid Movement launched a 'No Arms for Apartheid' programme in 1963. Security Council resolutions the following year made the ban international. But, as the debate in the House of Commons in December 1967 revealed, even such a well-grounded commitment cannot be taken for granted, and the Movement works to maintain the embargo.

#### The Release of Political Prisoners

In Southern Africa there are at least 10,000 political prisoners. The degrading conditions of their lives, the needs of their families, the legislation used to restrict

them, and above all the fundamental injustice of their imprisonment—these have been among the deepest concerns of the Movement in recent years. This is a human problem which demands constant care and vigilance, and which will remain as long as the racial discrimination from which protest arises is allowed to continue. In 1963 the Anti-Apartheid Movement sponsored the World Campaign for the Release of South African Political Prisoners, now administered by the Defence and Aid Fund. The Defence and Aid Fund has long enjoyed the wholehearted support of the AAM. The humanitarian aid it has rendered to all opponents of apartheid has made a major contribution to the cause of African liberation.

#### The Sports and Cultural Boycott

As part of the campaign to withdraw support from the apartheid system, the Movement calls upon sportsmen, playwrights, academics and others to boycott South Africa. This applies to all sports teams wishing to visit South Africa or those playing South African teams abroad. It also applies to poets, singers, professors—anybody who gives aid and comfort to those who practise apartheid by tacitly condoning their behaviour.

#### Solidarity with African resistance

The African resistance to white minority rule for many decades took peaceful forms. As the Anti-Apartheid Movement has predicted, this restraint in the face of violence could not be expected to continue indefinitely. Now the African liberation organisations have been forced to take up arms in order to continue their struggle for freedom. The Anti-Apartheid Movement is engaged in educating the general public about the legitimate struggle of the people of Southern Africa and win support for their cause. Our monthly newspaper, ANTI-APARTHEID NEWS, gives full coverage to events in Southern Africa and to all anti-apartheid activities throughout the world. (10/- a year.)

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